



Roy Hargrove

(October 16, 1969 – November 2, 2018)

Another shocker, but in the world of entertainment it is no surprise, especially in Jazz. At 49 Roy checked out. He follows a host of others that were gone before their time like George Duke, George Howard, Art Porter, Jeff Golub, Wayman Tisdale, Chuck Loeb among others.

If anyone explained it best, it was Marcus Miller, whom after Wyman Tisdale's death explained the hard life of entertainment.

Many people do not know how hard a life it is. You project your talents at such a high level, that it must be maintained (or improved on) at all times. No matter how long it took you to get there and the strength you need before you go on stage, no matter how tired and full of jet lag you may be, you gather yourself together, go on stage and entertain your ass off hoping it is enough to further your reputation as an artist for the the next gig. Is it addicting? hell yes. It is one of the most legal additions known to man, to be wanted.

So everything else becomes a lesser priority, and that means health as well.

Roy Anthony Hargrove (October 16, 1969 – November 2, 2018) was an American jazz trumpeter. He won worldwide notice after winning two [Grammy Awards](#) for differing types of music in 1997 and in 2002. Hargrove primarily played in the [hard bop](#) style for the majority of his albums, especially performing jazz standards on his 1990's albums. Hargrove was the bandleader of the progressive group the RH Factor, which combined elements of [jazz](#), [funk](#), [hip-hop](#), [soul](#), and [gospel music](#). Its members have included [Chalmers "Spanky" Alford](#), [Pino Palladino](#), [James Poyser](#), [Jonathan Batiste](#), and [Bernard Wright](#). His longtime manager was Larry Clothier.

Hargrove was born in [Waco](#), Texas, to Roy Allan Hargrove and Jacklyn Hargrove.^{[1][2][3]} He took lessons on trumpet and was discovered by [Wynton Marsalis](#) when Marsalis visited the [Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts](#) in [Dallas](#). One of his influences was saxophonist [David "Fathead" Newman](#), who performed in [Ray Charles's](#) Band at Hargrove's junior high school.

Bill Sommerville

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